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# URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CUCKFIELD

## REPORT of THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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Haywards Heath.

July, 1969

*To the: Chairman and Members of the Cuckfield Urban District Council.*

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report for the year 1968.

A slight fall in the corrected birth rate (15.33) was recorded but owing to a marked decrease in the number of deaths, the natural increase in population (45) was actually greater than the previous year when the total live births exceeded deaths by 30.

The infant mortality rate of 8.70 was again less than that of the previous year.

Three deaths were recorded during the first year of life, two of which occurred in the first week and one at nine months, the latter being due to staphylococcal broncho-pneumonia. As a result of a further decrease in the early neonatal and still birth rates, the perinatal mortality rate fell to 11.53 as compared with 22.78 for the previous year and the rate for Mid-Sussex as a whole was 14.32. Expressed as a percentage of total live births the illegitimacy rate was 6.67. There were no maternal deaths during the year.

### IMMUNISATION—MID-SUSSEX AREA

During the year the following immunisations on children under 16 were carried out in the area :—

#### Triple Antigen:

Primary Injections .. ..	1,042
Reinforcing Injections .. ..	954

#### Diphtheria and Tetanus

Primary Injections .. ..	21
Reinforcing Injections .. ..	1,137

#### Diphtheria:

Primary Injections .. ..	—
Reinforcing Injections .. ..	44

#### Tetanus:

Primary Injections .. ..	43
Reinforcing Injections .. ..	122

#### Smallpox Vaccination:

Primary Vaccinations .. ..	929
Re-vaccinations .. ..	265

#### Poliomyelitis:

Primary—oral vaccine .. ..	1,106
Reinforcing procedures .. ..	1,099

#### Measles:

Primary Vaccinations .. ..	1,489
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## **Immunisation in East Sussex**

Statistics issued to the press by the Department of Health and Social Security, which for some reason or other have not been made available directly to the local Health Department, showed that in respect of children born in 1967, the number immunised in East Sussex was substantially in excess of the average for the whole of England and Wales, as was the number of children under two who were vaccinated during 1968.

Approximately 60% of all immunisations and vaccinations in the county were carried out by general practitioners, and expressed as percentages, the figures for East Sussex and for England and Wales were: whooping cough 91 (76) ; diphtheria 93 (78) ; poliomyelitis 91 (74) ; and smallpox 49 (38).

## **Influenza—Immunisation of Staff**

In November monovalent vaccine (Hong Kong strain) was given to eighty-five members of the staff.

## **INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATES OF VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX AND CHOLERA**

During the year 1,720 certificates were authenticated by the Health Department.

## **INFECTIOUS DISEASE**

Two hundred and fifty-three cases of infectious disease were notified during the year and, of the total notifications received, 195 were attributed to measles and three to scarlet fever. There were nineteen cases of puerperal pyrexia, seventeen of which occurred in hospital. Twenty-two cases of dysentery, six cases of food poisoning and five cases of infective jaundice were also notified.

### **Sonne Dysentery**

Fourteen of the above cases were long-stay patients in a large institution. Several visits were made and advice given on the best method of dealing with the situation, particular attention being paid to the group laundry service based on the hospital concerned. Following bacteriological screening of all ward contacts by the Hospital Laboratory many symptomless carriers were found and treated.

The remaining cases occurred at a Primary School and, following notification of the first case, precautions were taken to limit the spread of infection within the school by the installation of a disinfectant hand rinse in the children's cloakrooms. The Caretaker was also briefed by the Public Health Inspectorate on the need for frequent swabbing with disinfectant of W.C. seats, door handles, and toilet pulls. It was also suggested to the Headmaster that a circular letter be sent to all parents requesting them to seek medical advice if a child developed diarrhoea, with the proviso, that on no account should a child be allowed to return to school until the symptoms had ceased for at least a week.

All affected families were visited by a member of the Public Health staff and, where necessary, arrangements were made for the submission of stool specimens from contacts to the Public Health Laboratory at Brighton.



## **Food Poisoning**

The above cases occurred sporadically throughout the district. Five cases were due to infection with *Salmonella typhimurium* and the *Salmonella* isolated in the remaining case was reported as being untypeable.

On discovering that the victim in the latter incident was employed as an Assistant Manager at a hotel in Eastbourne, it was necessary to exclude him from work pending bacteriological clearance. During the investigations the Central Public Health Laboratory reported that an unnamed *Salmonella* with similar characteristics had been associated with incidents in the Sheffield and Birmingham areas involving turkeys, chicken and sheep.

Detailed enquiries were made by the Public Health Inspectorate, both here and at Eastbourne but, as the Assistant Manager had apparently taken the same meals as the guests in the hotel, none of whom had apparently suffered any illness, the source of the infection remained undiscovered.

In another incident (*Salmonella typhimurium*) a farm worker and his eighteen month old daughter were affected, their illness almost certainly having been acquired from an infected cow which subsequently died of the disease. Although all of the milk from the farm is pasteurised the farm worker was taken off milking duties pending clearance of his convalescent carrier state.

## **Salmonella Bredeney**

The Superintendent of Foredown Hospital reported that a convalescent carrier of *Salmonella bredeney* had recently been discharged to an address in the Urban District. On investigation a close family contact was found to be employed as an assistant nurse at a local hospital. Although specimens submitted by the contact were found to be negative, arrangements were made for regular bacteriological screening of the contact pending clearance of the convalescent carrier.

## **Food Poisoning at a Boys' Boarding School due to Infection with a Heat Resistant Strain of Clostridium Welchii**

On Tuesday, 12th March, a family doctor responsible for the medical supervision of the pupils at a boys' school in the Mid-Sussex area, informed me that a large number of pupils at the school had been ill with diarrhoea and vomiting in the early hours of Monday morning. The doctor reported that suspicion appeared to be focused on a consignment of pork pies which had been provided for supper on the previous Sunday evening.

On visiting the school it soon became apparent, during interviews with the Bursar and the Matron, that the symptoms were primarily abdominal pain and diarrhoea and that although the illness was quite severe, having affected 75% of the Junior School and 50% of the Senior School, it was of relatively short duration. The foregoing information indicated that it was highly probable that we were dealing with an infection caused by *Clostridium Welchii* and, when it was learned that roast beef had been served for lunch on Sunday, the inevitable question with regard to pre-cooking and re-heating of the meat was raised with the Catering Manager. At first we were told that the meat had been cooked early on Sunday morning but later this was denied and it was admitted that the several large joints of roast beef involved had been cooked the day before, sliced after cooling slowly, and then re-heated on the day of consumption.

On bacteriological examination, a high percentage of stool specimens from pupils affected by the illness revealed the presence of *Clostridium Welchii* and the organism was also isolated, in due course, from a remnant of the joint which had been retained under refrigeration.

The firm responsible for the catering at the school gave full co-operation throughout the investigation by the Health Department and the findings of the Public Health Laboratory were confirmed independently by the caterer's private laboratory.

**Note:** *Clostridium Welchii* is a spore bearing organism which survives 1-4 hours' boiling. The organism is fairly widespread in nature, occurring in the stools of 2-5 per cent. of normal human beings. The organism has been isolated from up to 25 per cent. of raw meat samples from carcasses and up to 10 per cent. of samples from frozen boneless meat.

Prevention of this type of infection must be concerned far more with care over cooking and storage than with the human faecal excretor. As a general rule meat, whether as cuts, or in pies or stews, should be thoroughly cooked and eaten hot. If this is impossible it should be cooled rapidly, within 1½ hours of cooking and refrigerated until required.

In any event there should be the shortest possible time between cooking and eating to limit the number of organisms. A small number of spores and bacteria will be harmless; it is only when the organism has been allowed to proliferate that the trouble will occur.

A delay in the distribution of meat sliced after cooking creates problems in mass feeding. To be safe it must be maintained either in the cold or at a temperature above 60 degrees C. (140 degrees F.) between slicing and distribution. The temperature of sliced meat maintained on top of a hot plate container at about 40-50 degrees C. (100-120 degrees F.) has proved to be ideal for the growth of *Clostridium Welchii* and considerable multiplication can occur in two or three hours. Safety measures may also depend on the size and the shape of the joint, for large masses of meat, when rolled, are not easily penetrated by heat, and meat, originally contaminated on the surface with *Clostridium Welchii*, may have the organisms rolled into the centre. Larger joints also take longer to cool and the size of individual cuts is best limited to about 6lbs.

### **Jaundice—Infective or Toxic?**

During the past few years notification of Infective Hepatitis in this area has brought to light two cases of jaundice which might have been toxic in origin, in both instances the toxic hazard being associated with occupation.

The first incident involved the regular use by the victim of a chlorinated naphthalene spray for pest control in roof spaces without adequate personal protective equipment or clothing.

The second incident concerned the Manager of a Dry Cleaning Premises in which perchlorethylene and various volatile "spotting" agents were used for cleaning purposes. In neither case was it possible to prove with liver function tests that the jaundice was toxic in origin but the exercise did at least alert those concerned with medical care to the need for particular caution before allowing resumption of work.

In the second incident the Factory Inspector was informed with a view to having the premises monitored before the Manager returned to work.

**Note:** Under the Health Services and Public Health Act, 1968, Infective Jaundice was made notifiable throughout England and Wales.

### **Salmonella in Terrapins (Water Tortoises)**

Following reports in the medical press on salmonella infection due to the keeping of terrapins in the home, the Chief Public Health Inspectors throughout Mid-Sussex arranged for local pet shops to be visited with a view to the submission of water samples from terrapin tanks for bacteriological investigation. In due course the Public Health Laboratory reported the isolation of *Salmonella mikawasima* from a tank at one of the shops concerned. The situation was discussed with the proprietor who, on being told that there was no really effective method of reducing the risk to public health, decided to discontinue sale.



## **Food and Drugs Act, 1955**

### **Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959, Section 20— Brucellosis**

The Public Health Laboratory reported that following a weakly positive ring test, brucella abortus type 1 had been isolated from a sample of milk (\*) as a result of guinea pig inoculation. The farmer was visited and agreed to make arrangements for the immediate pasteurisation of all milk from the affected herd. In order that the Health Department should have effective control over the situation a formal notice was served the following day (22.5.68) on the farmer under Section 20 of the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959 containing the specific requirement that no milk from the farm concerned should be sold for human consumption unless it had been heat treated to our satisfaction.

On the 15th August it was possible to rescind the Notice following the receipt of satisfactory laboratory reports.

\* Farm in Cuckfield Rural District.

## **PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS**

There is only one public swimming pool in the Urban District. It is privately owned. Mains water is used for filling at the beginning of the season and is changed from time to time during the summer months. The water at the pool is treated by pressure filters, aeration and chlorination.

In addition to the above there are two Private Schools, a County Grammar School, two Secondary Schools, two County Primary Schools and a private housing estate with open-air swimming pools. There is also an indoor swimming pool at one of the local hospitals. All were supervised throughout the bathing season.

## **WATER SUPPLY**

(i) The water for the whole of the Urban District is supplied by the Mid-Sussex Water Company. This was satisfactory in quality and quantity.

Samples were taken for bacteriological analysis and all were reported as being satisfactory.

(ii) The Company carried out monthly bacteriological examination of the raw water. The water was chlorinated after filtration.

(iii) The supply is not liable to plumbo-solvent action.

(iv) There was no evidence of the supply being contaminated.

(v) Every house in the district is provided with a piped supply direct to the house.

## **HOUSING**

Mr. C. A. C. Ford, Housing Manager, has kindly furnished the following report on the Council's housing activities for the year.

### **Applications for Accommodation**

One hundred and thirteen new applications for registration on the "waiting list" reveal only a small decrease in demands over the previous two years' totals of 119, but the number of cases outstanding at the end of the year was substantially reduced by a greater number of dwellings being made available for letting on the new housing estate in course of construction at Hanbury Lane, Haywards Heath, where 109 system-built two and three bedroomed houses were being provided plus, of course, casual vacancies in existing dwellings which occurred throughout the year.

Two hundred and fifty applications outstanding at the 31st December, 1968, represented a decrease of 74 compared with 324 outstanding at the end of 1967.

The undermentioned factors created the change in the number of applications outstanding at the year's ending :

New applications received	..	113	
Applications reinstated	.. ..	10	
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Gross increase	.. ..	..	123
Deletions	.. ..	99	
Lettings	.. ..	98	
		<hr/>	197
Net decrease	.. ..	..	74
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### Properties under control

At the time of preparation of these notes, all 109 system-built houses erected on land formerly used for pre-fabricated bungalows and allotments were occupied, bringing the Council's stock of dwellings for letting to 1,211 types varying from bed-sittingroom units for the elderly to four bedroomed houses for the larger families.

Steps continue to be taken for the raising of standards of accommodation in both pre-war houses and the earliest built post-war dwellings where facilities are now considered to be below modern requirements. In this connection more houses without separate bathrooms are being altered to make such provision with Improvement Grant and 101 of the earliest built post-war properties are being fitted with a more adequate supply of electrical power points to meet present day requirements.

### Future Building

Since the Council are no longer permitted by a general direction from the Ministry to all Local Authorities to build for general needs, activities have turned towards the provision of more accommodation for the elderly and at the present time plans are approved and a contract selected for the building of 28 bed-sittingroom and one bedroom units with resident Warden on a site at the top of New England Road formerly occupied by the Surveyor's Department Works Section. Another scheme is planned for the provision of 15 elderly persons units of accommodation with resident Warden on a site at the entrance to Glebe Road, Cuckfield, where four old cottages have first to be demolished and the present occupants re-housed. Another scheme is to be brought about by the acquisition of a large house in Haywards Road where six one-bedroomed flats will be made available for elderly persons; these will be in a most attractive central position away from hills and near shops. The two schemes at New England Road and Glebe Road, Cuckfield will mean that elderly persons accommodation with resident Warden will be made available in all the three community areas of the Urban District.

### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

#### Section 47

This section provides for the compulsory removal from their homes of elderly, infirm or incapacitated persons, who are not receiving proper care and attention. Such persons are often living on their own under poor and insanitary conditions.

On the 3rd January my attention was drawn to the plight of two elderly sisters-in-law both of whom had become incapable of looking after themselves. Although every possible step was taken in an endeavour to keep the old ladies in their own home, the health of one of them showed marked deterioration, probably due to hypothermia and incipient pneumonia, and admission to hospital became a matter of urgency. Unfortunately the latter had not only rejected medical aid at home but firmly refused the offer of a hospital bed. Her companion, who is slightly younger, was also offered a bed on the same ward which she gladly accepted.

On the 6th January a Magistrate's Order was obtained in respect of one of the sisters and both were removed to Cuckfield Hospital where, I am glad to report, both ladies showed remarkable improvement within a matter of days.

## **W.R.V.S. MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE— HAYWARDS HEATH AREA**

During the period January to December, 1968, a total of 7,733 meals was provided. Since the inception of this service in December, 1961, a total of 25,665 meals has been provided.

## **MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS**

During the year medical examinations were carried out for the following authorities:—

Cuckfield Urban District	..	..	..	5
Burgess Hill Urban District	..	..	..	1
East Sussex County Council	..	..	..	84

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I would like to express my thanks to Mr. Pennington, Chief Public Health Inspector, for his help and co-operation in the work of the department and for the particulars which he has supplied for this report. I also wish to record my appreciation to other members of the staff for their loyal support during the year, particularly Mrs. Patten, my Secretary.

In conclusion I would like to thank members of the Council, particularly the Chairman and members of the Public Health and Housing Committee, for their support and also the officers and staff in other departments for their help during the year.

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*Medical Officer of Health.*

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<i>Clerk to the C.P.H.I.</i>	.. ..	Mrs. C. A. Smith

## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

### Summary of Statistics for the years:

	1966	1967	1968
Area of District in Acres .. ..	3,912	3,912	3,912
Population estimated to middle of year .. ..	23,360	23,800	24,320
Rateable Value .. ..	£1,267,534	£1,371,166	£1,372,331
Sum represented by a Penny Rate .. ..	£5,000	£5,410	£5,735
Density of Population (persons per acre) .. ..	5.97	6.08	6.22
Number of dwellings .. ..	7,697	8,100	8,422
Birth Rate (corrected) per 1,000 population .. ..	16.89	17.87	15.33
Death Rate (corrected) per 1,000 population .. ..	8.99	10.14	8.39
Infant Mortality Rate .. ..	30.39	20.51	8.70

## VITAL STATISTICS

<b>Live Births</b>									<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	174	148	322
Illegitimate .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	9	23
Total Live Births .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	188	157	345
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population (crude) .. ..									..	..	14.19
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population (corrected) .. ..									..	..	15.33
Illegitimate live births per cent. of total live births .. ..									..	..	6.67
<b>Still Births</b>									<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	—	1
Illegitimate .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	—	1
Total Still Births .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	—	2
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 (live and still births) .. ..									..	..	5.76
<b>Total Live and Still Births</b> .. ..									<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
									190	157	347
<b>Infant Deaths</b>									<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age</b>									<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	—	3
Illegitimate .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	—	—	—
Total .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	—	3



# Infant Mortality Rates:—

(a) All infants per 1,000 live births	8.70
(b) Legitimate infants, per 1,000 legitimate live births	9.32
(c) Illegitimate infants, per 1,000 illegitimate live births	0.00

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	2	—	2
Illegitimate	—	—	—
Total	2	—	2
Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 total live births	5.80		

Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	2	—	2
Illegitimate	—	—	—
Total	2	—	2
Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 total live births	5.80		

Perinatal Mortality	Male	Female	Total
Still Births and Deaths under 1 week	4	—	4
Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 total live and still births			
(a) Cuckfield Urban			11.53
(b) Mid-Sussex Area			14.32

Maternal Mortality			
Maternal Deaths (including abortion)			Nil
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births			0.00

Deaths	Male	Female	Total
All Causes	129	171	300
Death Rate per 1,000 of the population (crude)			12.34
Death Rate per 1,000 of the population (corrected)			8.39

## MAIN CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE CUCKFIELD URBAN DISTRICT

(i) Diseases of the heart and circulatory system (Ischaemic disease)	115 (38.33%) 80 (26.67%)
(ii) Cancer (all sites) (Cancer of lung and bronchus)	57 (19.00%) 14 (4.67%)
(iii) Cerebrovascular disease	34 (11.33%)
(iv) Respiratory diseases (including tuberculosis and influenza) (Respiratory tuberculosis)	63 (21.00%) Nil.

## CAUSE OF DEATH IN INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR

Cause	Age
1. Respiratory failure. Extreme prematurity	1 day
2. Cardiac failure. Exchange transfusion. Rhesus incompatibility	3 days
3. Staphylococcal broncho-pneumonia	9 months



# CAUSES OF DEATH IN CUCKFIELD URBAN DISTRICT

<i>Cause of Death</i>	<i>Sex</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Under 45</i>	<i>45-64</i>	<i>65-74</i>	<i>75 &amp; over</i>
Malignant neoplasm—stomach ..	M	6	—	—	2	4
	F	3	—	—	1	2
Malignant neoplasm—lung, bronchus	M	8	—	2	4	2
	F	6	—	2	2	2
Malignant neoplasm—breast ..	F	5	—	2	1	2
Malignant neoplasm—uterus ..	F	1	—	1	—	—
Leukaemia .. .. .	M	1	—	1	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	1
Other malignant neoplasms, etc. ..	M	15	—	5	3	7
	F	13	1	3	5	4
Diabetes mellitus .. .. .	M	1	—	—	1	—
	F	2	—	—	1	1
Other endocrine, etc., diseases ..	F	1	—	—	—	1
Mental disorders .. .. .	F	1	—	—	1	—
Other diseases of nervous system, etc.	F	3	1	—	—	2
Chronic rheumatic heart disease ..	M	1	—	1	—	—
	F	2	—	2	—	—
Hypertensive disease.. .. .	M	2	—	1	1	—
	F	2	—	—	—	2
Ischaemic heart disease .. ..	M	39	1	12	9	17
	F	41	—	5	6	30
Other forms of heart disease ..	M	5	—	—	—	5
	F	9	—	1	1	7
Cerebrovascular disease .. ..	M	17	—	2	4	11
	F	17	—	3	4	10
Other diseases of circulatory system	M	6	—	1	3	2
	F	8	—	1	1	6
Influenza .. .. .	M	2	1	—	—	1
	F	14	—	—	2	12
Pneumonia .. .. .	M	13	2	—	2	9
	F	20	—	3	1	16
Bronchitis and emphysema .. ..	M	5	—	—	2	3
	F	4	—	—	3	1
Asthma .. .. .	F	1	—	—	—	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	M	2	—	—	1	1
	F	2	—	—	1	1
Peptic ulcer .. .. .	M	1	—	—	—	1
Cirrhosis of liver .. .. .	F	1	—	1	—	—
Other diseases of digestive system..	M	1	—	—	—	1
Nephritis and nephrosis .. ..	F	1	—	—	—	1
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	F	2	—	1	—	1
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	F	1	—	—	—	1
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc. ..	M	1	1	—	—	—
Other causes of perinatal mortality..	M	1	1	—	—	—
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	F	1	—	—	—	1
Accidents (excluding motor vehicle accidents) .. .. .	M	2	1	1	—	—
	F	7	3	—	1	3
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries ..	F	2	1	—	—	1
<b>Totals:</b>	M = 129 F = 171	300	13	51	63	173

TABLE SHOWING VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1954-1968

Year	Esti- mated Popula- tion	Number of Births						Birth Rate	Number of Deaths			Death Rate	Infants' Deaths			Infant Death Rate	Natural Increase of Births over Deaths
		Legitimate			Illegitimate				M	F	Total		M	F	Total		
		M	F	Total	M	F	Total										
1954	16,980	74	87	161	3	3	6	9.84	114	168	282	3	2	5	29.94	-115	
1955	17,090	88	91	179	7	3	10	11.06	107	171	278	-	1	1	5.29	-89	
1956	17,340	101	102	203	2	6	8	12.17	120	165	286	-	2	2	9.48	-75	
1957	17,670	110	93	203	8	5	13	12.23	151	160	311	1	2	3	13.89	-95	
1958	18,010	102	128	230	4	10	14	15.98	121	182	303	2	2	4	16.39	-59	
1959	18,460	122	112	234	8	2	10	15.59	103	162	265	1	1	2	8.19	-21	
1960	19,160	133	93	226	8	5	13	13.84	117	153	270	2	1	3	12.55	-31	
1961	20,080	125	136	261	9	8	17	15.36	107	172	279	3	-	3	10.79	-1	
1962	20,840	150	131	281	7	5	12	15.04	129	183	312	-	2	2	6.83	-19	
1963	21,300	155	130	285	11	9	20	16.18	140	239	379	2	2	4	13.11	-74	
1964	22,070	177	135	312	10	6	16	16.79	120	186	306	-	2	2	6.10	22	
1965	23,020	169	189	358	14	9	23	18.03	140	153	293	1	7	8	20.99	88	
1966	23,360	174	170	344	10	8	18	16.89	140	199	339	5	6	11	30.39	23	
1967	23,800	193	171	364	14	12	26	17.87	148	212	360	4	4	8	20.51	30	
1968	24,320	174	148	322	14	9	23	15.33	129	171	300	3	-	3	8.70	45	

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

LABORATORY FACILITIES

The following Laboratories are utilised for the examination of specimens :

- Public Health Laboratory, Brighton
- Cuckfield Hospital Laboratory
- Public Analyst's Laboratory at Lewes

I would like to express my thanks to the Directors of the above Laboratories for their assistance, particularly Dr. J. E. Jameson, of the Brighton Public Health Laboratory, for his helpful advice on many occasions.

Ambulance Facilities

Cases of infectious disease are removed by one of the East Sussex County Council's ambulances stationed at Haywards Heath Ambulance Station.

Hospital Accommodation for Infectious Diseases

Beds are available at Goddards Green Hospital and Foredown Hospital for the treatment of cases of infectious disease.  
A table on page 18 gives particulars of admissions during the year.

Smallpox

The South-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board state that cases of smallpox occurring in this district should be sent to the River Hospitals (Long Reach), Dartford, Kent.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

Child Health Clinics:

Cuckfield	..	..	Congregational Church	2nd Friday
(Weighing Centre Only)			Hall	
Haywards Heath	..	..	E.S.C.C. Clinic	Infants 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th
			Oaklands	Friday 2-4 p.m.
			Haywards Heath	(Toddlers only 3rd and 4th
				Friday 10-12 noon and 4th
				Friday 2-4 p.m.)
				Dr. all sessions except 2nd and
				5th Friday p.m.
			Ascension Hall,	1st and 3rd Thursday 2-4 p.m.
			Sheppeys	Dr. 1st Thursday
			Haywards Heath	
Bentswood	..	..	Presentation Church Hall	1st Monday
			New England Road	Dr. on 1st Monday
			Haywards Heath	
Lindfield	..	..	Congregational Hall	1st and 3rd Tuesday
			High Street	Dr. on 1st Tuesday
Clinics:				
Diphtheria			E.S.C.C. Clinic	2nd Friday 2.30-3.30 p.m.
Immunisation	..	..	Oaklands	Dr. in attendance
			Haywards Heath	

<b>Chest</b> .. ..	Haywards Heath Hospital Cuckfield Hospital	Every Thursday 9.30 a.m. (by appointment) Thursdays 2 p.m. Diagnostic
<b>Orthopaedic</b> .. ..	B.R.C.S. Centre Paddockhall Road Haywards Heath	<i>Orthopaedist:</i> 2nd Tuesday 10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. <i>Physiotherapist:</i> Tuesday 10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday 9.30 a.m.-1 p.m. 2-4.30 p.m.
<b>Speech Therapy</b> ..	E.S.C.C. Clinic Oaklands Haywards Heath E.S.C.C. Clinic Mill Road Burgess Hill E.S.C.C. Clinic Royal George Road Burgess Hill	Tuesday 9.15 a.m.-3 p.m. (by appointment)  Monday 1.30-3 p.m. (by appointment)  Monday 9 a.m.-12 noon (by appointment)
<b>Eye Refractions</b> .. (Schoolchildren)	Haywards Heath Hospital  Morley Street Clinic Brighton	Every Friday morning (by appointment) Alternate Thursday mornings (by appointment)
<b>Minor Ailments</b> ..	E.S.C.C. Clinic Oaklands Haywards Heath	As required
<b>Child Guidance</b> ..	<b>East Grinstead:</b> Moat Road <b>Lewes:</b> Castlegate House <b>Portslade:</b> Old Shoreham Road <b>Burgess Hill:</b> E.S.C.C. Clinic Mill Road	Every Thursday (by appointment) Every Wednesday (by appointment) Tuesday morning Thursday (by appointment) Every Friday (by appointment)
<b>Dental</b> .. ..	E.S.C.C. Clinic Oaklands Haywards Heath E.S.C.C. Clinic Royal George Road Burgess Hill	By appointment   By appointment
<b>Relaxation Classes</b> ..	E.S.C.C. Clinic Oaklands Haywards Heath	Every Monday and Thursday 2.30 p.m.
<b>Cancer Prevention</b> ..	<b>Haywards Heath:</b> E.S.C.C. Clinic Oaklands <b>Burgess Hill:</b> E.S.C.C. Clinic Mill Road E.S.C.C. Clinic Royal George Road	Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings as necessary (by appointment) Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings as necessary (by appointment) Wednesday mornings and evenings as necessary (by appointment)

<b>*Family Planning</b>	..	E.S.C.C. Clinic Oaklands Haywards Heath	Every Wednesday 2-4 p.m. Dr. each session (by appointment)
<b>Veneral Diseases</b>	..	Facilities are available at Brighton	Royal Sussex County Hospital,
<b>Women</b>	..	Tuesday	.. 4-7 p.m.
		Thursday	.. 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
<b>Men</b>	..	Monday	.. 4-7 p.m.
		Wednesday	.. 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
		Thursday	.. 2-5 p.m.
<b>Men and Women</b>	..	Fridays	.. 11.0 a.m. urgent cases only (By appointment direct to V.D. clinic)
New patients must attend 1 hour before clinic closes			

## CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE IN AGE GROUPS

**\*17 Hospital Confinements.**



## COMPARATIVE TUBERCULOSIS STATISTICS

Year	New Cases						Deaths						Number on Register at end of Year					
	Respiratory			Non-Respiratory			Respiratory			Non-Respiratory			Respiratory			Non-Respiratory		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
1948	5	1	6	1	-	1	2	1	3	-	-	-	38	28	66	13	19	32
1958	5	6	11	1	-	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	82	47	129	5	10	15
1959	4	4	8	-	-	-	2	1	3	-	-	-	82	50	132	6	11	17
1960	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	79	50	129	6	9	15
1961	3	6	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	77	55	132	6	9	15
1962	1	2	3	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	71	55	126	6	9	15
1963	3	1	4	1	2	3	1	-	1	1	-	1	73	59	132	5	11	16
1964	2	2	4	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	79	58	137	3	8	11
1965	2	2	4	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	82	57	139	3	9	12
1966	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	79	51	130	3	9	12
1967	2	1	3	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	79	48	127	3	9	12
*1968	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	73	47	120	3	10	13

\* One female of 72 years was affected with respiratory tuberculosis, the remaining case, a female of 26 years, suffered from renal tuberculosis.

# GODDARDS GREEN HOSPITAL, HASSOCKS AND FOREDOWN HOSPITAL, PORTSLADE

Thirty-nine cases were admitted to hospital from the Mid-Sussex area for observation and/or treatment in connection with known, or suspected, infectious diseases :—

Disease	Goddards Green Hospital	Foredown Hospital
Food Poisoning .. .. .	2	—
Food Poisoning (Salm. bredeney Carrier) ..	—	1
Sonne Dysentery .. .. .	—	1
Observation Dysentery .. .. .	—	1
Diarrhoea and Vomiting .. .. .	1	1
Observation Diarrhoea .. .. .	—	1
Gastro-enteritis .. .. .	—	1
Virus Meningitis .. .. .	—	1
Encephalitis (Infective) .. .. .	—	1
Tonsillitis .. .. .	—	1
Vincent's Angina .. .. .	1	—
Scarlet Fever .. .. .	1	—
Measles .. .. .	—	2
Measles and Epistaxis .. .. .	—	1
Measles and Laryngeal Oedema .. .. .	—	1
Chickenpox .. .. .	—	2
Whooping Cough .. .. .	1	1
Mumps .. .. .	3	—
Glandular Fever .. .. .	2	—
Observation Glandular Fever .. .. .	—	1
Jaundice .. .. .	2	—
Observation Infective Jaundice .. .. .	—	1
Influenza .. .. .	1	—
Observation Scabies .. .. .	—	1
Herpes Zoster .. .. .	1	—
Pyrexia Uncertain Origin .. .. .	—	1
Observation .. .. .	1	—
Tuberculosis .. .. .	2	—
Observation Tuberculosis .. .. .	1	—
Totals ..	19	20

# REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Below is a list of visits made by your Public Health Inspectors during 1968:—

### INSPECTIONS

Housing Act (including improvement grants) ..	884
Public Health Act—Housing .. .. .	538
Public Health Act—Other Premises .. .. .	41
Infectious Diseases .. .. .	13
Food Premises:—	
Bakehouses .. .. .	26
Bakers' Shops .. .. .	31
Butchers .. .. .	40
Clubs—Licensing Act.. .. .	2
Confectioners .. .. .	21
Dairies, Milk Shops .. .. .	21
Fishmongers .. .. .	10
Fried Fish Shops .. .. .	8
Greengrocers .. .. .	32
Grocers, Gen. Stores .. .. .	121
Ice-cream premises .. .. .	79
Public Houses .. .. .	16
Restaurant Kitchens .. .. .	65
Vans and Stalls .. .. .	29
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	501
Food Poisoning and Dysentery .. .. .	128
Food Condemnations .. .. .	26
*Factories Act .. .. .	44
Shops Act .. .. .	15
†Prevention of Damage by Pests Act .. .. .	1,987
†Disinfections and disinfestations .. .. .	99
Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order .. .. .	3
Pet Animals Act .. .. .	14
Animal Boarding Establishments .. .. .	2
Cattle Market .. .. .	6
Caravans .. .. .	1
Clean Air Act .. .. .	75
C.A.A. Atmospheric Pollution Measurement .. .. .	482
Noise Abatement Act .. .. .	57
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act .. .. .	381
Schools .. .. .	23
Swimming Pools .. .. .	50
Public Conveniences .. .. .	1
Hairdressers .. .. .	12
Refuse Tips .. .. .	3
Miscellaneous .. .. .	144
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	5,530

\*There is an arrangement whereby the Building Inspector deals with the provision of sanitary accommodation at building sites and only in cases of difficulty does the Public Health Inspector intervene.

†These figures include visits by the Council's Rodent Operative.

## COMPLAINTS

Four hundred and thirty-seven complaints were received and dealt with :

Rats and Mice .. .. .	188
Insect Pests (Wasps 55, Ants 13, Flies 3, Beetles 2, Other Insects 12) .. .. .	85
Offensive Smells .. .. .	10
Nuisance from Drains .. .. .	73
Smoke and Fumes .. .. .	13
Food .. .. .	27
Noise .. .. .	6
Miscellaneous .. .. .	55
	457

## PRELIMINARY NOTICES

	Notices Out- Standing at 1.1.68	Notices Served during 1968	Notices Complied with during 1968	Notices Outstanding at 31.12.68	
				Served prior to 1968	Served during 1968
Food Hygiene Regs. ..	28	33	42	—	19
Public Health Act ..	20	63	79	1	3
Housing Act .. ..	5	5	7	1	2
Factories Act .. ..	4	2	5	—	1
Offices, Shops and Rail- way Premises Act ..	95	29	80	22	22
Clean Air Act .. ..	—	3	3	—	—
Totals ..	152	135	216	24	47

## NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

Of the six complaints of excessive noise received during the year four were from industrial premises or equipment and two from commercial premises.

One of the complaints regarding the former was not substantiated and following informal action all the nuisances were abated.

The Industrialists and the operators concerned must be complimented for their co-operation for they took immediate action to remedy any defects and the use of any offending machinery, thus obviating the need for any formal action.

## HOUSING

1. Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year :—

- |     |   |       |
|-----|---|-------|
| (1) | (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected under<br>Public Health and Housing Acts .. .. . | 383   |
|     | (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose .. .. .  | 1,051 |

(2)	(a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations .. .. .	99
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose .. .. .	116
(3)		Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation and represented under the Housing Act ..	1
(4)		Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation .. ..	73
2.	Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notice:—		
		Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	78
3.	Number of new houses erected during the year 1968:—		
(1)	State aided:—		
	(a)	By Local Authority .. .. .	85
	(b)	By Public Utility .. .. .	NIL
(2)		Without State aid .. .. .	237

### IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The number of applications for Improvement Grants received during the year was 31. Those approved comprised 25 Discretionary Grants and 5 Standard Grants (15 owner occupied houses and 10 tenanted houses). One Discretionary Grant application was withdrawn before approval and another after approval.

### DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

Year	No. of Grants Approved	Owner Occupied	Tenanted	Estimated Cost of all Works		Estimated Cost of Approved Works		Total Maximum Grant Approved		Total Grant Paid	
				£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1968	25	14	11	22,379	6 5	17,025	2 7	7,826	0 0	3,825	5 0
since 1954	318	210	108	213,698	9 5	157,634	7 10	77,372	19 6	69,246	8 3

### STANDARD GRANTS

Year	No. of Grants Approved	Owner Occupied	Tenanted	Total Maximum Grant Approved		Actual Cost of Approved Works		Total Grant Paid	
				£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1967	5	4	1	390	0 0	789	7 7	414	0 0
since 1959	52	36	16	4,466	0 0	6,005	3 3	3,656	0 0



## IMPROVEMENT GRANT SURVEY

Four possible areas comprising 585 houses have been surveyed and at the time of survey it was found that 460 had all five standard amenities and 125 lacked some or all of them. These 125 houses comprise 58 owner occupiers (35 by old people), 67 tenanted houses (31 by old people). There was one vacant house. A further survey of the older type of property throughout the district was carried out giving the following results. Houses inspected 1059; houses with all amenities 774; houses lacking all amenities 166; houses lacking some of the amenities 119.

### NUMBER OF FOOD PREMISES IN DISTRICT

Bakehouses	..	..	..	..	..	4
Basement Bakehouse	..	..	..	..	..	1
Butchers	..	..	..	..	..	15
Grocers	..	..	..	..	..	38
Greengrocers	..	..	..	..	..	17
Confectioners	..	..	..	..	..	22
Fishmongers	..	..	..	..	..	4
Fried Fish Shops	..	..	..	..	..	3
Bakers	..	..	..	..	..	10
Confectioners' Kiosks	..	..	..	..	..	2
Canteens	..	..	..	..	..	17
Hotels and Restaurant Kitchens	..	..	..	..	..	19
Public Houses	..	..	..	..	..	23

### REGISTERED PREMISES UNDER SECTION 16 FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955

#### Sale of Ice-cream:—

				<i>Number of Premises</i>	<i>Number of Inspections</i>
Grocers	..	..	..	26	60
Greengrocers	..	..	..	3	7
Confectioners	..	..	..	19	19
Bakers	..	..	..	2	11
				<hr/> 50	<hr/> 97

#### Preparation of Food (by cooking):—

				<i>Number of Premises</i>	<i>Number of Inspections</i>
Grocers	..	..	..	6	13
Bakehouses	..	..	..	3	12
Fried Fish Shops	..	..	..	3	4
Fishmonger	..	..	..	1	4
Butchers	..	..	..	2	7
Bakers	..	..	..	3	11
				<hr/> 18	<hr/> 51

### **Preparation of Sausages and/or Pickling Meat:—**

				<i>Number of Premises</i>	<i>Number of Inspections</i>
Butchers	..	..	..	12	29
Grocers	..	..	..	3	5
				—	—
				15	34
				—	—

### **Registrations under the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959:—**

Distributors	..	..	..	..	..	29
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### **FOOD HYGIENE**

There were 18 complaints of moulds, foreign bodies, insects, etc., affecting food. All complaints were thoroughly investigated. There was one prosecution under Section 2 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955—the total amount of Fines and Costs imposed was £19 15s. 0d.

### **FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960**

The number of premises grouped in accordance with the trade carried on, subject to control under the above Regulations, will be found under the heading of " Food Premises ". All the premises are subject to and comply with Regulation 16 and all but two (kiosks) are subject to and comply with Regulation 19.

The following repairs, improvements, etc., to food premises were carried out:—

Wash basins and water heaters installed or repaired	..	1
Walls, floors and ceilings repaired	.. .. .	6
Walls, floors and ceilings, etc., cleansed and redecorated		13
Protection of food from risk of contamination	.. .. .	3
Provision of nailbrushes	.. .. .	1
Rubbish removed	.. .. .	2
Shelves and displays cleansed	.. .. .	2

### **THE LIQUID EGG (PASTEURISATION) REGULATIONS 1963**

There are no egg pasteurisation plants in the district and no samples of liquid egg were taken during the year.

### **CONDEMNED FOOD**

Condemned foods are disposed of by burying in the refuse tip and during the year there were 21 condemnations of food involving:—

Fresh meat 4cwt. 37lbs.  
Canned meat 35lbs.  
Frozen food 1,226 packets.

The frozen food condemned was due to the failure of deep freeze cabinets in shops.

### **MILK SAMPLING**

During the year 17 samples were submitted for biological test and all were free from tubercle bacilli and brucella organisms. These milk samples were also screened for penicillin content and reported by the laboratory to be satisfactory.

### **ICE-CREAM**

There are no premises registered for the manufacture of ice-cream in this district. Fifty-two premises are registered for the sale of wrapped ice-cream.

### ICE-CREAM SAMPLING

Sixty-one samples of ice-cream were tested during the year, thirty were Grade I, twenty-five were Grade II, five were Grade III and one Grade IV. (The Grade IV sample was due to unsatisfactory storage of the scoop. Further samples taken were satisfactory.)

One thousand five hundred and eighty-five samples of ice-cream have been taken since 1949, of which 1,280 were Grade I, 412 Grade II, 66 Grade III and 7 Grade IV.

### THE LICENSING ACT, 1964

The Clerk to the Justices submitted to the Council applications for the renewal of the registration of one club. No objection to the proposal was made.

### CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

The number of notices under Section 3 of the above Act of intention to install boilers was 3.

#### Section 10 (Chimney heights) :—

No. of plans submitted showing chimneys	.. ..	2
No. of chimneys erected outside control of Section 10		NIL
No. of proposed chimney heights increased following representations	.. .. .	2

### ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION MEASUREMENT

After consultation with the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, the use of one site for the purpose, was discontinued at the end of the year and the remaining site was fitted with an eight port instrument which samples the air daily, but only requires a weekly visit.

The levels of smoke and sulphur dioxide in the atmosphere are ascertained as part of the National survey being carried out by the Ministry of Technology.

These figures show that even with an increasing population the level of smoke and sulphur dioxide pollution has declined since last year.

### DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOODS) ORDER, 1957

Of the four pig keepers in this area, three use swill—one collects from the public and two use the products of their own institutions only. All were inspected during the year and were found to boil such food. One person is licensed to operate plant and equipment for boiling waste food.

## FACTORIES

### 1. Inspections for Purposes of Provisions as to Health

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .. .. .	8	—	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority .. .. .	73	44	1	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ..	—	—	—	—
Totals ..	81	44	1	—

### 2. Cases in which Defects were found

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspec- tor	By H.M. Inspec- tor	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	2	2	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) .. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate lighting (S.5) ..	1	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences (S.7) ..					
(a) Insufficient .. .. .	1	1	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ..	—	2	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ..	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) .. .. .	4	3	—	—	—
Totals ..	8	8	—	—	—

## OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 133 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel Making, etc.	1	—	—	—	—	—
Cleaning and Washing ..	—	—	—	—	—	—

## OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Figures for submission to the Ministry of Labour, regarding work done under the above Act during 1968, have been prepared and are appended below. It will be seen that 314 premises had registered under the Act and all registered premises had been inspected by the end of 1968.

## INSPECTIONS

Total No. of visits during 1968:—381.

	Offices	Shops	Wholesale Shops and Warehouses	Catering Estab's and Canteens	Fuel Storage Depots	Totals
No. of premises on register .. ..	93	194	4	22	1	314
No. of persons employed .. ..	972	928	44	122	4	2070
No. of premises inspected during 1968	30	101	3	11	1	146
Accidents reported ..	2	3	—	—	—	5



# CONTRAVENTIONS FOUND AND REMEDIED DURING 1968

CONTRAVENTIONS	Offices		Shops		Warehouses		Catering Establishments		Fuel Storage Depots	
	Found	Remedied	Found	Remedied	Found	Remedied	Found	Remedied	Found	Remedied
Absence of abstract of the Act ..	4	7	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Absence of first aid equipment ..	3	7	10	13	-	1	1	1	-	1
Absence of a thermometer ..	3	5	8	16	-	-	-	-	-	-
Absence of incinerators ..	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Absence of clothing accommodation ..	1	3	2	9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Absence of handrail or defective staircase ..	1	-	-	4	-	-	1	3	-	-
Absence of or defective toilet facilities ..	-	2	2	2	-	-	-	1	-	-
Absence of or defective washing facilities ..	2	4	6	8	-	1	1	2	-	1
Inadequate ventilation ..	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Inadequate lighting ..	3	2	3	3	1	1	-	1	-	-
Premises requiring cleansing or redecorating ..	1	3	8	15	-	-	2	2	-	-
Inadequate seating arrangements ..	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defective floors ..	-	1	4	7	-	-	1	-	-	-
Dangerous machines ..	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate drinking water supply ..	2	2	5	4	-	2	-	-	-	-
Inadequate heating ..	-	3	4	7	-	1	-	1	-	-
Inadequate eating facilities ..	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals ..	20	40	57	95	1	7	7	11	-	2

## DISINFESTATIONS

The public seek the assistance of the Health Department in dealing with infestations of all kinds and, where possible, this is given. Wasps are dealt with either by liquid insecticide or Cymag, and when practicable, the nests are removed. The operator is allowed to use his discretion as to whether or not he can safely deal with wasps' nests and if there is obvious risk he may decline to do so. A charge is made to cover the cost of this work.

Number of infestations dealt with:—

Wasps	..	..	55
Flies	..	..	3
Ants	..	..	13
Beetles	..	..	2
Other insects	..		12
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			85
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## DESTRUCTION OF RATS AND MICE

Year	PREMISES				
	Complaints Rats and Mice	Surveyed	No. in Urban District	No. Infested with Rats	No. Infested with Mice
1967	183	1761	9645	252	91
1968	188	1781	10028	200	63

There has again been an increase in the number of complaints, though the number of properties infested with rats and mice was found to be less.

## RATS AND MICE—SEWERS

The annual test baiting of the Council's sewers was carried out in October. 19 manholes were test baited, 2 manholes showed an infestation and these were immediately treated.

## PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Four shops are registered under the above Act for the sale of pet animals and during the year 14 visits were made to them.

## ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

There is one animal boarding establishment registered under the above Act and during the year the premises were inspected and found to be satisfactory and well managed.



